

NEW PEACE MOVE IS MEANINGLESS

Hertling Speech and Socialist Declaration Regarded as of No Effect

Abbe Wettlee Declares Germany Is Trying to Save Her Conquests

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Paris, Sept. 25. The interval which Berlin said on Monday must follow the next move in the peace offensive has been very brief. Perhaps he had in mind only Austria's participation for Germany contributed two more bits yesterday. They reached France in the shape of Hertling's two speeches and the declaration of the German Socialists.

The latter is really a meaningless declaration from the Socialist group of the Reichstag and a committee of Social Democrats. The first group adopted it by a vote of 55 to 19 and the second by a vote of 24 to 11.

The speech and declaration should be considered together, it is held here, as intended to be two parts of the same phase, a trial, now offered to the world, that they do not hang together very well. Hertling, for example, once more declares for electoral reform, which he flourishes every time Germany is in military trouble. On the other hand, the Socialists in their declaration made no mention of the establishment of a parliamentary regime, supposed to be their platform.

The Socialists of Germany today are as imperialistic as the Hohenzollerns themselves. They have been convinced that high wages for labor in Germany depend absolutely on the success of the German imperialistic plans of expansion by force. So the camouflage of the Social party name has been worn so thickly that its use in the present peace maneuver is regarded here as of no account.

There is not much disposition to comment on Hertling's speech yet because it is known to be only the first utterance of a series due from Berlin. Hertling has, it is felt, done nothing but repeat the familiar words and promises, and France is interested in only concrete acts. For instance, he does not promise to evacuate Belgium or northern France.

Abbe Wettlee, who was Alsatian member for eleven years in the Reichstag, said: "Hertling has spoken only to say nothing. The peace Hertling desires is the same as the Scheidemann-Erberger peace, assuring Germany the benefits of the Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest treaties. Hertling knows the fate of health and wants to preserve herself from deserved punishment and even draw from her enterprise of brigandage enormous advantages."

World Awaits Wilson's Speech

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Continued from Page One War and make some memorable pronouncement. At the same time it is written so plain all over Washington that every man may read it that there is a determination to say nothing which will give a handle to Germany and Austria in their peace offensive. The peace talk of the Central Powers will die if they have to do all the talking.

The President may meet the situation boldly by making some announcement which will make further peace speeches by Berlin and Hertling impossible unless Germany and Austria are prepared to surrender.

Boldness in meeting the situation and entire confidence in the governments and peoples of the Allies were indicated by the sharpness and promptness of the recent rejoinder to Austria. A similar boldness may be shown in the speech tomorrow.

Clear-Cut Announcement Looked For

The general belief in Congress is that the President will sooner or later take the position that nothing short of a complete victory in Germany of a complete defeat of Germany will make a durable peace possible. That is the view of the nation today as Congress goes to from home. Secretary Daniels has indicated his sympathy with it by talking of marching with Pershing into Berlin. General March has proclaimed it by announcing the intention to fight the war through.

CHAPIN PLEADS INSANITY

By the United Press New York, Sept. 25.—Charles Chapin, New York editor, who killed his wife recently, today withdrew his plea of "not guilty" on the ground that defendant was insane at the time of the tragedy. A lunacy commission will be appointed to look after Chapin's sanity.

BRITISH ADVANCE REGAINS SOIL WHERE HEROES DIED

Tragedy of March 21, in Which Manchester Men Fought Until Overwhelmed, Is Avenged by Comrades in St. Quentin Attack

By PHILIP GIBBS

Rebulet, held by the Inniskilling Fusiliers. Those places and others like them, south-east of St. Quentin were quickly surrounded, but the British held out in them with heroic courage until they were utterly overpowered. Nothing could be nobler or more tragic than the last stand of the Sixteenth Manchester in that Manchester Hill position, where the French are now fighting, where the enemy was all around them. They held on here, saving their machine guns. By means of a burst of war and hand grenades, they fought through for some time. The last words came from their commanding officer at about 1:20 in the afternoon, when he was slightly wounded. He spoke calmly, even cheerily, but said that they could not hold out much longer, as virtually every man was hit, and the Germans were advancing around. "The Manchester will defend the redoubt to the last moment," said the latter officer. There were his last words and the redoubt was over-whelmed.

Now, the Allies are back on their old line after a retreat and advance which has filled five months with wild swings of war and has carried them on the high seas of fortune after a wonderful turn of the tide. Once again British soldiers are starting out of holes in the earth and from observation posts on high ground at the ruins of the fair old city of St. Quentin, where the cathedral stands massive like a medieval castle, and from broken buildings. The British troops are fighting their way close to it, and the French on their left are this month of it, near Pontarrat and St. Quentin.

Eleven on the British front there is no great change, but the line was advanced slightly on a front of 1500 yards in the center, which looks eastward to Bourlon Wood of old ill-fame in the days of the Cambrai adventure last November, and many Germans were killed in their resistance.

UN ATTACCO NAVALE BREAK GERMAN YOKES, POLES ARE ADVISED

Torpediniere Austriache Danneggiate e Costrette a Ritirarsi al Coperto

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Roma, 26 settembre. Il Ministero della Marina ha staminate ufficialmente annunciato che i torpediniere italiani, condotti da una squadriglia di torpediniere, hanno attaccato alcune torpediniere austriache nel Golfo di Teana.

Le torpediniere nemiche erano di nuovo tipo e dopo combattimento furono costrette a ritirarsi velocemente al coperto, non senza essere state gravemente danneggiate.

La torpediniere italiane esposero efficacemente al fuoco dei forti nemici e tornarono poscia verso la loro base senza aver sofferto alcuna perdita sostanziale. Anche gli aerei italiani tornarono salvi.

È stata oggi annunciata che il valente professor Ciampi, medico nel Ospedale Militare di Corone, ha scoperto ed è riuscito ad isolare il bacillo dell'influenza spagnola. La scoperta, la quale era stata portata dai prigionieri, si è rapidamente diffusa in parecchie regioni d'Italia.

È stato pubblicato un decreto reale che organizza la mobilitazione nei lavori industriali ed agricoli di tutti i rifugiati dalle terre invase dal nemico.

Parigi, 26 settembre. Un comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato da Ministero della Guerra nel pomeriggio di ieri, ha annunciato che le truppe italiane nella regione occidentale della Macedonia, continuando la loro vigorosa pressione verso il nord, hanno occupato le alture a settentrione di Topolnitsa, a nord-ovest di Sofia, e Prizren, e i bulgari di fronte alla irresistibile avanzata degli italiani si sono dati ad una precipitosa e disordinata ritirata, riportando perdite considerevoli. Gli italiani hanno catturato una grande quantità di prigionieri, artiglieria, munizioni ed una immensa quantità di materiale da guerra. Anche un ospedale, con tutto il necessario, è caduto nelle mani degli italiani.

Notizie dal fronte in Italia recano che una intensa attività di artiglieria italiana è nota in parecchi punti. Le batterie italiane hanno effettuato concentrazioni di fuoco in Uttali, con il lungo le linee del Piave ed in quelle dei settori dell'Asone e del Lago di Garda.

SCHWAB SAYS BUILD SHIPS NOW

Continued from Page One... development of plans for the most successful ship must not rest with the emergency fleet, but must rest with the splendid army of shipbuilders throughout the United States, and especially here in Philadelphia.

"Now the message that I want to give to these shipbuilders and through this number of Commerce to the community of Philadelphia is that they must devote their time, their talents and their energy and ingenuity to the devising and the planning of ships that may not only be economically produced but economically operated, that those plans and those devices should be frankly and freely submitted to us for comment and criticism, and that as a whole body the very center of shipbuilding in the United States, right here in Philadelphia should ultimately come in that type of standard ship which will afford this war is over rebound to the greatest credit and economy of the United States."

"We must have for example, internal combustion engines. We must have the highest development of everything pertaining to the economy of production and operation of ships. At the same time we must devise a ship that may be so built as to be fixed, charred, dented and so forth may be so charged down as to make it a successful commercial venture."

"But the ingenuity of the world cannot make ships that can be economically operated unless we have this great Government of ours make such provisions and laws as will enable us to economically operate them when we have them."

"That, however, is not my duty nor is it my part in life. That is the part of your gentlemen, that is the part of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, that is the part of the men whose voices are heard throughout the land, the part of the men who have been the controllers of these great factories. They should make their voices heard so loudly and distinctly that the people of this country will think upon that phase of shipping with the same energy with the same thoughtful care that is now being centered on the construction of the fleet that must bring us so much credit and commerce in the years to come."

"Now gentlemen, I want to say something to you about this Emergency Fleet Corporation. I want to have you realize that you men of the United States are the owners of the stock of this corporation. When the United States Government came to a great understanding like the building of this fleet, they realized that a corporation was necessary for its successful accomplishment, and you, the people, are the owners of the stock of that corporation, and therefore you are entitled to know anything that there is to know about it, and these are the days when we can talk of these things more freely than we talked, Mr. Stutesbury, many years ago."

Must Have Public Approval... "You know, after long years of experience, I am firmly of the opinion that great effort will come from approval of the people in your community and associated with you."

"In this instance the community is primarily Philadelphia, but ultimately the whole of the United States, and we have had during this last six months the unbounded approval and the unbounded encouragement of the Philadelphia people, which has made it possible to do this. It is a great enterprise that is being undertaken here, and it is a great enterprise that is being undertaken here, and it is a great enterprise that is being undertaken here."

Must Plan for Future... "Now we must plan for the future, and I am spending many anxious days with the admiral, with Mr. Franklin and with people who have wide experience with these things to determine the kind of boat we shall build in the future after this emergency program is completed. For we must plan from nine months to a year ahead so as to get the best and most satisfactory results."

"Now that is not an undertaking that one man or any one set of men can decide. I have always felt that the Emergency Fleet Corporation should understand the building of these ships now on the ways, that the real technical knowledge and the responsibility rest with the shipbuilders of this country, who have the experience and the knowledge in the building of ships, and the

SHIP NEWS

MERCHANT YARD AIDED BY SERVICE WORKERS

Many Departments and Sections Operate Under Control of W. T. Clemens

The employment and service department of the Merchant Shipyards, Harriman, is now comfortably settled in its new building. The department is under the direct supervision of W. T. Clemens, and his personal staff is composed of Lee Furman, assistant; Miss H. E. Holden, secretary, and Miss G. L. Reed, stenographer.

The entire department has been subdivided into three divisions in charge of D. Scott Chisholm, J. E. Conine and W. A. Tierney, Jr. Mr. Chisholm has charge of the clerical division, Mr. Conine the plant service division, and Mr. Tierney the employment division.

The plant service division is subdivided into four sections—the athletic and yard service section, under the direction of S. Hallowell, chief interviewer, and L. F. Purcell, office manager; the adjustment section under C. A. Bourger; photographic section under J. A. Goldberg. The legal and examination sections have been combined under the direction of J. E. Dunn and Mrs. F. G. Solon.

SHIPBUILDERS WIN PRIZES

Four Men Made Good Suggestions at Harriman. Four Merchant shipworkers have been awarded prizes for contributions to the suggestion boxes put up in the yard at Harriman to improve the plant, etc. The winners are Francis Little, first

prize; Norman Flook, second prize; Robert Titten, third prize, and Harry C. New, fourth. The company is not telling what these suggestions were, but apparently thinks enough of them to award prizes. The workers are anxious to hear. Every employee is invited to put his ideas in writing and a special committee meets once a week to open the boxes and consider the contents.

NEXT THURSDAY EVENING the basement of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation's main office building at South Camden, will be turned over to the library Association of this company for a special committee meets once a week to open the boxes and consider the contents.

THAT WISDOMFUL SMILE of Miss G. F. Lion of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation was the means of retaining an old schoolmate in the ship office. When Miss Lion attended the Lincoln school, Kathleen Henson, who is now working at the same shipyard as secretary to J. H. Lewis, was in the welfare department. These two schoolmates met in a friendly way at the shipyard. Miss Lion smiled her sweetest. That settled the matter. The two are now as thick as bread in the old days. The schoolmate is William and the other is Kathleen. Like the others in their letters home show bitter hatred of the Germans.

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